IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF WEST VIRGINIA

**CHARLESTON DIVISION** 

IN RE: ETHICON, INC.

PELVIC REPAIR SYSTEMS

PRODUCTS LIABILITY LITIGATION

MDL 2327

THIS DOCUMENT RELATES TO CASES

IDENTIFIED ON EXHIBIT A

**SHOW CAUSE ORDER** 

In the cases on Exhibit A, the following defendants remain: Ethicon, Inc. and Johnson &

Johnson (collectively "Ethicon defendants"). The plaintiffs in the cases on Exhibit A are all

represented by counsel who have moved to withdraw because plaintiffs failed to communicate

with them despite multiple attempts. The court has not ruled on these motions to withdraw.

Presumably because of plaintiffs' lack of contact with their counsel, plaintiffs appear not to have

engaged in any activity or complied with all of the important deadlines in applicable Pretrial

Orders, such as appearing for their deposition, producing a plaintiff fact sheet, responding to

discovery and/or disclosing experts.

It appears to the court that despite plaintiffs' counsel's efforts, the Exhibit A plaintiffs

themselves no longer wish to pursue their actions. The court **ORDERS** that plaintiffs on Exhibit

A show cause in their individual cases on or before **December 16, 2020**, as to why the Ethicon

defendants should not be dismissed for failure to prosecute pursuant to Rule 41(b) of the Federal

Rules of Civil Procedure and Rule 41.1 of the Local Rules of Civil Procedure. If plaintiffs do not

respond to this show cause order with a showing of good cause in their individual case, their case

will be dismissed without prejudice.

The court **DIRECTS** the Clerk to send a copy of this Order to counsel of record and any unrepresented party in the cases on Exhibit A.

ENTER: November 16, 2020

ØSEPH R. GOODWIN

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

## Exhibit A

Case Number	<u>Case Name</u>	Remaining Defendant(s)
2:18-cv-00318	Dunagan v. Ethicon, Inc., et al.	Ethicon, Inc., Johnson & Johnson
2:15-cv-03328	Rodriguez v. Ethicon, Inc., et al.	Ethicon, Inc., Johnson & Johnson